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Know Your Status

Ohio State's HIV/STI Testing Program
and its Valued Partnerships
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Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will learn about the creation and implementation of the HIV/STI testing program led by the SLSWC at The Ohio State University.
2. Participants will learn about various sexual health partnerships across campus and the greater Columbus metropolitan area.
3. Participants will learn about the peer-led model of HIV/STI test counseling, and discuss best practices in student recruitment, training and skill development.

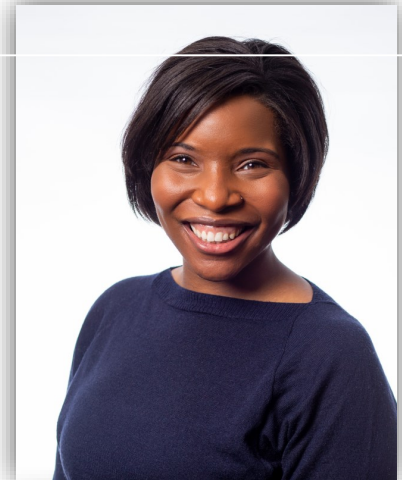


About Us

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Services
- Collegiate Recovery Community
- Condom Club
- HIV/STI Testing
- Nutrition Coaching
- Financial Coaching
- Relationship Education and Violence Prevention
- Student Civility Program
- Wellness Coaching
- Wellness Ambassadors





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Creation & Implementation



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- AIDS education and outreach in the Student Wellness Center began in 1982
- Free peer-led HIV/STI testing began in 2009
- Confidential and/or anonymous tests for HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia
- Currently operating four nights a week at two different campus locations
- Led by three student lab managers and nearly thirty volunteer test counselors





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Valued Program Partnerships



Key Campus Partners

Provides referral source for students in need of medical treatment, mental health counseling, and sexual misconduct reporting:

- Wilce Student Health Center, Student Health Services
- Counseling Consultation Service (CCS)
- Title IX, University Integrity and Compliance



Key Community Partners

Provides referral source for students in need of further clinical testing, treatment options, and other sexual health resources:

- Sexual Health Clinic @ Columbus Public Health
- Equitas Health
- Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)





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A Peer Education Approach



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- Peers are perceived as able to identify and understand
(Lockspeiser, O'Sullivan, Teherani, & Muller, 2008)
- Sensitive topics may be discussed with reduced embarrassment
(Good, Halpin, & Halpin, 2000)
- Peer influence may be stronger than that of teachers, parents, or experts
(Mellanby, Rees, & Tripp, 2000)
- Peer educators provide effective help when given training and support in interpersonal communication and relationship skills
(Daniels & Ivey, 2007; Terrion & Leonard, 2007)



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Best Practices & Challenges



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Promising Practices

- Student Recruitment Process
- 15-Hour Mandatory Test Counselor Training
- Shadowing and Observation Period
- Ongoing Personal and Professional Skill Development

Future Challenges

- Spring 2019 Program Transition
- Meeting the Student Need
- Funding and Staffing Stability



Walk-in HIV/STI Testing

Free. Anonymous. Confidential.

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WELLNESS CENTER

MULTICULTURAL
CENTER

Monday and Tuesday

Multicultural Center • 4:30—8:30 p.m.

**Chlamydia and Gonorrhea*

Wednesday and Thursday

Student Wellness Center • 4:30—8:30 p.m.

**HIV, Syphilis, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea*

**Test offered*



Questions? Thank You!

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